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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 605  
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the good people of  
Holston Medical Group upon their celebration of  
twenty-five years in medicine.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to recognize those outstanding individuals and institutions that have made invaluable contributions to the high quality of life present in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Holston Medical Group are just such estimable citizens, and in 2002, they are "Celebrating 25 Years of the Best Medicine"; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that any successful and prosperous society should have the finest medical care available to its citizens, and the efforts of the Holston Medical Group have long provided such unsurpassed service to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Mountain Empire region's primary care physician shortage, Holston Medical Group was established on January 3, 1977, under the direction of family physician Jerry L. Miller, M.D., to provide care for an underserved population; and

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WHEREAS, having begun with only two primary care providers, the practice has grown to include more than fifty-five professionals while holding firm to its primary care and preventative medicine commitment; and

WHEREAS, this superior organization began with a single location on Market Street in Kingsport, and it now includes more than eleven locations in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, having begun as a primary care unispecialty group, the Holston Medical Group is now the region's first multi-specialty group, with its more than seventy physicians, specialists, and mid-level providers providing more than ten areas of medical specialty; and

WHEREAS, the professionals at Holston are committed to providing the most progressive health care available, are at the forefront of medical innovation, and employ the latest state-of-the-art medical techniques, practices, and technology; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to improve their services to their patients, the Group became the region's first fully-integrated user of electronic medical records in 1995; and

WHEREAS, this pioneering team also was the region's first medical group to implement a clinical research department, which placed HMG on the cutting edge of awareness of the latest medical research and techniques; and

WHEREAS, the innovators at HMG were also the area's first to introduce a disease management department within a physician group, propelling HMG to a leading position in the national effort to redirect intervention efforts to an outpatient setting focusing on wellness, prevention, and patient education; and

WHEREAS, the Holston Medical Group was chosen by the Consortium for Southeastern Hypertension Control to become one of fifteen Cardiovascular Centers of Excellence and is known for its "access to the best health care approaches to treat high blood pressure and participate in innovative clinical research in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the heart and the blood vessels"; and

WHEREAS, these praiseworthy practitioners demonstrate remarkable commitment to patient convenience and medical innovation; they created the Sapling Grove Professional Building, which is the first of its kind, provides boasted unsurpassed comfort, convenience, and accessibility, and is home to the region's first free-standing outpatient diagnostic facility, The Outpatient Diagnostic Center at Sapling Grove, and a state-of-the-art outpatient surgery facility, The Sapling Grove Surgery Center; and

WHEREAS, Holston Medical Group, now "Celebrating 25 Years of the Best Medicine," provides care to over 130,000 patients and is Northeast Tennessee's largest multi-specialty group; and

WHEREAS, countless Tennesseans have benefited from the quality, compassionate care provided by the Holston Medical Group, and many owe their good health and very lives to the gallant efforts of these devoted professionals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the good people of Holston Medical Group for their laudable dedication to the welfare of the people of Tennessee, and we join with them in "Celebrating 25 Years of the Best Medicine".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express to them our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.